

Driving in Germany

Driving anywhere in Germany by service members or their families requires a USAREUR license (AER 190-1)

Autobahn

Although most American cars are not designed for the high-speeds that characterize many stretches of the Autobahn system, the suggested Autobahn speed limit is 130 km/h. If you are involved in an accident in which you were driving faster than 130 km/h, you may be held responsible.

You will be charged by German authorities for running out of gas on the Autobahn.

On the Autobahn, the left lane is only for passing. Passing on the right is both dangerous and illegal.

Using the horn (for other than emergencies), hand gestures, and flashing lights is prohibited and can lead to large fines from the police.

Rural and City Driving

In cities, towns, and villages the maximum speed is 50 km/h, unless otherwise posted.

Outside cities and villages the maximum speed is 100 km/h.

The speed limits vary on post but never exceed 50 km/h or 15 km/h if passing troops.

Seatbelts are required for all occupants.

Children four years old or younger who do not exceed 50 lbs must use a U.S. or GE approved child safety seats when travelling in Germany. Children twelve and under or 4'11" tall or less, require an approved U.S. or GE car booster seat.

Auto Club

ADAC Basic Membership: Costs approximately 40 Euro/year and provides

- access to over 1600 ADAC Road Patrols and 4000 breakdown assistance vehicles
- Routine vehicle checks for brakes, shocks, and speedometer
- Air rescue for severe accidents with life-threatening injuries

ADAC-Plus Membership: Costs approximately 75 Euro/year and provides

- All of the above
- 24 additional services
- Extends to the member's spouse and family members.

German Driving Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) Limits

AER 190-1: Driver and Vehicle Requirements and the Installation Traffic Code for the U.S. Forces in Germany.

- Applies to all U.S. service members, family members, and personnel (local or foreign) who drive on any U.S. Installation.
1. Any driver who has not reached his/her 21st birthday can have no alcohol in blood.
 2. Mandatory Suspension of license for 90-days for BAC of .050 to .079.
 3. Mandatory Indefinite Revocation of license for BAC of .08 and above.
 4. Mandatory Indefinite Revocation of license for refusing a lawfully requested chemical test (implied consent provision).
 5. UCMJ for BAC of .10 and above.

German Law: Applies to the above populations and all other. There is no "Double Jeopardy" protection and violators will be prosecuted by both U.S. and German authorities.

1. A BAC reading of .03 or higher after an accident, regardless of fault, will result in a German charge of impaired driving and loss of license.
2. A BAC reading of .05 to .08 will result in a German charge of impaired driving with 250.00 Euro fine and 30 day license suspension.
3. A BAC reading of 0.08% and above will result in a German charge of impaired driving with 500.00 Euro fine or more, permanent loss of license and Jail time.
4. Refusal of chemical analysis will result in forced extraction of blood by a German physician at a German hospital.

Taxi Companies

Vilseck

1. **Piehler Edeltraud Taxi**
Am Sportplatz 1, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (09662) 3 00
2. **Piehler Franz Taxi Elektra**
Vorstadt 8, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (09662) 2 35
3. **Sertl jun. Bernhardt Taxi**
Hans-Ohorn-Platz 18, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (09662) 76 04
4. **Taxi Andre Piehler Taxi**
Am Sportplatz 1, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (09662) 41 30 82
5. **Taxi Andre Piehler**
A, Sportplatz 1, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (0171) 3 69 51 56
6. **Taxi Piehler Edeltraud**
Am Sportplatz 1, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (0171) 2 11 77 22
7. **Taxi Piehler Oliver**
Vorstadt 10, 92249 Vilseck
Tel: (0170) 4 80 10 50

Grafenwohr

1. **Farago Stefan**
Mittelbergweg 2, 92655 Grafenwohr
Tel: (09641) 39 59
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Tel: (09641) 12 77